

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 7th, 2015
REGULAR SESSION
COURTHOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840

MEMBERS Present: Denise A. Scalph, John H. Lopez, Matthew D. Wender

The Fayette County Commission met in a regular session on this 7th day of October, 2015.

President Scalph called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Eddie Young, Assessor, presented personal property exonerations for Cody & Jama Evans \$330.88; Mitchell W. or Helen K. Redman; Douglas W. Burnside \$6.38; Anita J. McClung \$6.42; Ervin Fruit \$101.44; Marylou (Boggs) & Joseph E. Johnson Jr. \$21.36; Matthew A. & Lyndsi O. Wriston \$1593.70; Bryan V. & Kathy A. Zutaut \$557.96. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the personal property exonerations. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Young presented exonerations for real property for David Ellison \$1402.96; Charles E. Epperly \$100.90; Michael A. Basham \$296.10; Ralph & Sharon Ann Giguere \$477.30; Mom Haven 12 LP \$1,037.62; Emmi E. Honaker \$15.38. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the real property exonerations. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Young presented refunds for Marvin Lyle Barnett \$30.91 and Gerald and Paul Jackson \$83.50. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the refunds. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

President Scalph motioned to approve the minutes of previous meetings held on September 8th and September 15th. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented three combine or divide & segregate land orders for Paul W. & Beverly Cole, William J. or Janice Whitlock, and Dale Hayden,

respectively. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the orders.

Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve vouchers and invoices and release checks today and approve 1st half payroll and releases checks on the 15th. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Debbie Berry, County Administrator presented a letter from Page-Kincaid PSD to reappoint James A. Kincaid, Jr. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the reappointment. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a drawdown request in the amount of \$13,205.60 for Community Corrections for the month of September 2015 for the Commission to approve. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a Consumer Sales and Service Tax from the Fayette County Park for President Scalph to sign. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve and authorize President Scalph to sign. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented demolition orders from Angela Gerald for signature for properties owned by Heather Jones and Nancy Ratliff, approved in the August 14th, 2015 meeting.

Larry Harrah, Prosecuting Attorney, appeared to appoint a curator in the estate of Lois A. Bowyer. Mr. Harrah recommended appointing Brandon Steele with Paul Clay's office as curator. Mr. Harrah will prepare the order for the Commission to sign. Commissioner Wender motioned to appoint Brandon Steele in the estate of Lois A. Bowyer and officially relieve Tom Fast from the position. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Stephanie Meadows, American Red Cross, appeared and presented a plaque to the County Commission to thank them for their support over the years.

The American Red Cross' main daily operation is help families during house fires. Their Home Fire Campaign aims to decrease death by 25% by educating residents on house fires. The ARC will place fire detectors in homes for people who cannot afford detectors. They have a 5 year goal to install 5,000 fire alarms in homes.

Ms. Berry presented the order creating the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Commissioner Wender motioned to appoint Andrea Mender, Lauren Weatherboard, Tug Chamberlin, Kerrie Dixon, Aletha Stolar, Dennis Feazell, Les Thomas, Student seat TBD, and Melanie Seiler to the Advisory Board. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a letter and custodian & security agreement for the Commission to approve and sign authorizing the release from SunTrust to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh for all securities held on behalf of the Fayette County Commission.

Commissioner Wender motioned to authorize the release of SunTrust to the federal securities. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a request from Tabby Bennett who works with Orion Strategies for a statement of support for Safe and Affordable Foods for the Commission to approve and sign to advocate for federal legislation that will enact standards nationwide to provide the public with accurate and consistent information for all products containing genetically modified ingredients.

Commissioner Wender motioned to authorize signing the statement of support for Safe and Affordable Foods. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Kelly Jo Drey appeared to read a support letter for approval and signature regarding the West Virginia Land and Water Conservation Fund. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve and send the letter to Senators

Manchin and Capito and Congressmen McKinley, Mooney and Jenkins.

Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Jamie Bennett appeared with Stacy Robbins, Frontier, to discuss the 911 center telephone system. Discussion was held regarding financing options.

Option 1. Dollar Out Municipal Lease - at the end of the lease, the county could purchase the system for \$1. But will have to think about upgrading options. Will need to replace in 5-7 years.

Option 2. SHIELD - a monthly payment with updating system for 5 years, renegotiating at the end of 5 years. System replacement guarantee and GAP program.

SHIELD is more expensive than the Dollar Out option, however included in SHIELD is a 5 year maintenance on hardware and software. For year 6, there is one year auto renewal or 3 years lease renewal with a 25% discount or a buyout.

Upfront purchase cost is \$271,464.48 with a warranty for 60 months. 25% upfront and 50% when equipment is on site. The remaining 25% due after the system has been accepted by the county.

Mr. Bennett recommended the SHIELD option. Mr. Harrah will read through the contracts.

Commissioner Wender motioned to approve SHIELD option with the provision that Mr. Harrah read over the contract and ask any questions and approve. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Bennett also mentioned that mass notification training starts on October 8th.

Garrett Clyburn, Community Connections, appeared to discuss the Drug Take Back Box in Fayette County.

Mr. Clyburn wants to install a permanent Drug Take Back Box on courthouse grounds. These are typically stationed in the Sheriff's office.

There is a bi-annual Drug Take Back Day when the collected drugs would be disposed of.

The average West Virginian has 22 prescriptions.

The program costs an average of \$600.00 - \$900.00, which will be paid by the grant through the Community Connections office.

The Commission will need to first discuss this with the Sheriff and determine how to dispose of the drugs.

Other counties also have substance abuse programs in schools. Mr. Clyburn will meet with the Fayette County Board of Education about the potential for this program here, and then report his findings with the Commission on a future agenda.

Eddie Young, Assessor, appeared again to give a financial update for Fiscal Year 2016. Mr. Young has worked with the State Tax Department to obtain the forecasted numbers. (Handout attached.)

Fayette County can expect a 25% decrease in business property taxes.

Commissioner Wender motioned to hold a special meeting on October 14th at 3:00 p.m. They will first have an executive session with legal counsel and then will meet to retain an attorney. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Wender motioned that the Fayette County Commission will approve invoices that need to be paid before the next Commission meeting. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.